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## MSSD, Gallaudet students help build shelter for Appalachian Trail hikers

By Todd Byrd

Backpackers who traverse the Appalachian Trail, a 2,000 mile hiking path that stretches from Maine to Georgia, will soon find rest and respite from the elements in a shelter that is being built by students from Gallaudet and MSSD and other nature lovers.

The idea of having deaf students spearhead the project to construct a 15-foot by 10-foot log shelter was envisioned in 1997 by Frank Turk Jr., PCNMP's co-curricular activities coordinator. Turk felt that the undertaking would

align itself well with goals set by Director of Demonstration Schools Katherine Jankowski and Student Life Assistant Director Timothy Frelich for students to gain additional learning outside the classroom.

Turk, an avid outdoorsman who is active with the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club and oversees maintenance of two miles of the trail in Virginia's Shenandoah National Park, pitched the idea to PATC officials. It took some persuading, said Turk, but the PATC accepted the idea in February,

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Gallaudet student Donna Dees peels bark from a log, preparing it for placement in the shelter wall.

## Diversity celebrated at Multicultural Festival

By Katherine DeLorenzo

Many people who passed the Rockwalls sculpture in front of Ely Center April 2 stopped and turned their heads when the smell of burning incense caught them by surprise. If that didn't grab their attention, the green, white, turquoise, black, yellow, and orange colored strips of cloth surely did.

"I was drawn to the colors," said Cindy Staley, who participated in the Native American medicine wheel, one of the events that marked Gallaudet's first Multicultural Festival, which served as a kickoff to the University's Cultural Diversity Month. The all-day event was coordinated by the Gallaudet University Diversity Council.

The festival offered performances, video showings, demonstrations, and presentations. What was markedly different about this event was its scope, which included off-campus organizations and companies, student organizations, faculty-sponsored activities, and participation by Campus Life professionals.

Regarding the medicine wheel, Staley said she learned

that what she thought had been incense was actually sage, an ancient cleansing ritual used by Native Americans. The colored strips encircling the wheel represented earth, night, day, wisdom, and energy.

As Gallaudet student Sonia Wuttunee kept rhythm on an American Indian drum, Religion and Philosophy Professor Jane Hurst explained the meaning of the medicine wheel and its importance. "She asked us all

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Frank Turk and his brother, Mike, measure a porch log, which the roof for the new Appalachian Trail shelter will rest on.

## Study underway to update phone system

The Telecommunications Committee has been studying ways to update Gallaudet's phone system so that it is responsive to everyone at the University and to outside callers who wish to contact members of the campus community.

One of the most important issues for the campus is messaging—voice and TTY. In seeking proposals for a new system from telecommunications companies,

the committee is specifying both a voicemail recording system that is TTY accessible and a TTY messaging system attached to the computer network. The former type records and plays back TTY messages and includes TTY prompts for mailbox holders. It is easy to use and reliable, but the drawback is that touchtones are required to make a menu selection. Unfortunately, most TTYs, when

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## 'Children of Change' photo exhibit on display

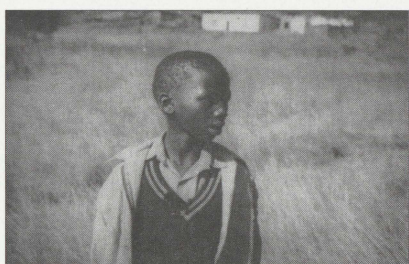
"Children of Change, South Africa Today," a photography exhibit by Donna Maclean, an associate professor in the Department of Television, Photography, and Educational Technology, is on display in the first floor atrium area of the Gallaudet University Kellogg Conference Center through Friday, April 16.

The exhibit of 30 black and white images of

both hearing and deaf children in South Africa is the result of Maclean's sabbatical leave project, which involved photographing children who have been affected by social and cultural changes.

Maclean has headed the photography program in the Department of Television,

Photography, and Educational Technology for the past 14 years. This was her second sabbatical leave.



## Dr. Jordan testifies in support of budget

Gallaudet President I. King Jordan testified on March 18 before the U.S. House of Representatives' appropriations committee in support of the Clinton administration's budget request for the University in Fiscal Year 2000.

In his prepared testimony, Dr. Jordan requested just over \$85 million for Gallaudet, the amount specified in the Clinton administration's budget. The request represents a two-percent increase in funds for operations, as well as \$2.5 million to renovate dormitories at the Model Secondary School for the Deaf.

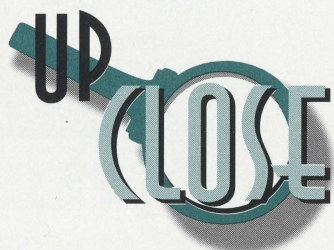
During a question period following his testimony, Jordan indicated that his original request to the Department of Education for FY 2000 had been almost \$86 million, but that the figure had been reduced in the course of preparing the federal budget.

At the close of the hearing, Congressman John Edward Porter of Illinois, chair of the appropriations subcommittee that deals with Gallaudet's budget, thanked Jordan for responding so efficiently to all of his questions and for being "an excellent witness."

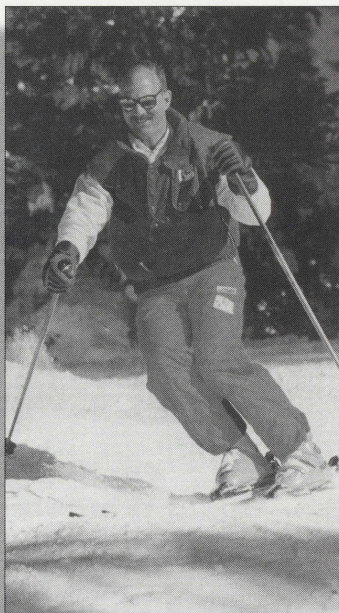


Gallaudet student Christy Smith keeps rhythm on a Native American drum during the Multicultural Festival's Medicine Wheel Ceremony.





By Mike Kaika



Dwight Benedict shows his style on the slopes.

Dwight Benedict, director of Campus Life, is an accomplished skier—rather odd considering he was raised in Indiana where the steepest hills and moguls are the ones created by gophers.

Dwight got his first taste of skiing at the age of 14 when he met Mal Grossinger, '80, at the Youth Leadership Camp in Minnesota. "Mal was from New York and he invited me to join him in the winter months at Hunters Mountain in the Catskills," said Dwight. "During the Christmas break in 1972, I went skiing for the first time and became hooked."

Every chance Dwight could get—winter breaks, spring breaks, and long weekends, he would

## Dwight Benedict—from the Indiana flatlands to the Swiss Alps

head north, and particularly west, to the ski slopes. "During my high school and college years, I rarely went home during the winter months," said Dwight with a smile. "Me and a group of avid skiers would go wherever the snow was good." During Dwight's senior year at Gallaudet, his class trip was to Florida. "That was my worst vacation," he said. "I prefer going to a ski resort than combing the beaches."

After he graduated from Gallaudet in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in American studies, he enrolled at NYU and in 1981 received his master's degree in deaf rehabilitation. He accepted a coordinator of residence education (CRE) position at Gallaudet in the fall of 1981 and worked his way up to his current position.

It was while he was a CRE that he met Doug Dickinson, a student back in '81 and president of the United States Deaf Ski Association (now called the United States Deaf Ski and Snowboard Association). Doug, who returned to Gallaudet after many years and is now a senior, asked Dwight to become the team director of the USDSA. "I was kind of hesitant at first," said Dwight, "but after discussing the pros and cons I gladly accepted this volunteer position and went to my first Deaf Winter Games in Oslo, Norway, in 1987. We only had 23 Americans on the team back then compared with 80 athletes at the Games in Davos, Switzerland, last month."

Dwight served as team director again at the '91 Games in Banff, Canada, but relinquished his role after those Games to spend more time with his family. Jeff Lewis, professor in the

Department of Counseling and an accomplished skier, became the team director for the '95 and '99 Games with Dwight serving as ski team leader and equipment manager.

The 2003 Games tryouts will be held in Lake Tahoe, California, and preparations will be starting soon. "We have fundraising to do, order equipment, reserve hotel accommodations, coordinate flight times, and a hundred other details," Dwight said. "We spend an enormous amount of time planning for the Games, but we also get to spend a lot of time on the slopes, and this is our biggest reward!"

The United States Olympic Committee provides some financial support for the U.S. athletes but the rest of the cost is raised by the United States Deaf Sports Federation, individual athletes, and donations from donors. It costs in the neighborhood of \$5,000 per athlete to participate in the Winter Games.

Dwight and Jeff are certified as Level 1 coaches (Level 3 is the highest rating), and Doug is a Level 2 coach. "To maintain our rating, we must spend about 30 days a year on the slopes," said Dwight. To reach a Level 3, one must spend around 100 days a year on the slopes—virtually an impossible task, living in the D.C. area.

During his free time, Dwight and his wife, Beth, '80, a doctoral student at Gallaudet, and their two daughters, ages 8 and 9, head for a ski resort for fun and relaxation. "This is one of the best family activities you can do and we cherish the time and fun we have together skiing, snowboarding, and snow tubing," said Dwight. □

## Deaf Jewish survivor recalls life in Nazi Germany

By Todd Byrd

Henry Florsheim was one of the lucky ones.

In 1937, at age 14, Florsheim managed, with great difficulty, to obtain a temporary visa to leave Germany. He bid farewell to his family and to his former schoolmates at the Berlin School for Jewish Deaf and departed for the United States—a deaf adolescent alone in a new world with a language he didn't understand.

But the uncertain life he faced was a vast improvement to living in his home country, where almost overnight friends to Jews became enemies. The situation came to a head in November of 1938, when a young Polish Jew assassinated a German diplomat in Paris. The Nazis capitalized on the event, using it as grounds to drag Jews from their homes and destroy their businesses and synagogues. "Kystalnacht," or "The Night of

Broken Glass," as the movement came to be known, resulted in many Jews being beaten, sent to concentration camps, and often murdered.

Florsheim, now 75, recalled the emotionally wrenching details of his life living under Nazi control before an overflow crowd March 2 in the lecture hall of Merrill Learning Center. His talk, which was sponsored by the History and Government Department, was part of a class, "Deaf People in Hitler's Europe," taught by department Chair Russell Olson, professor Donna Ryan, and retired professor John Schuchman, as well being a lecture that was open to the campus community.

When Florsheim was five years old, he was sent by his parents to the Berlin School for Jewish Deaf, where he was educated until he reached the high

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## Expectations for future educators explored at Kappa Delta Pi meeting

Gallaudet's chapter of the international honor society in education, Kappa Delta Pi, inducted 30 new members at its February 22 ceremony and program in Peikoff Alumni.

The program featured a panel of parents and parent educators who addressed the future educators in the group—majors in counseling, teaching, administration, psychology, and interpreting—on the topic, "Parents' Views of Schools: Expectation for Future Educators."

The panel, moderated by Dr. Marilyn Sass-Lehrer, a professor in the Department of Education, included Daisy Wooten, parent and family educator, MSSD; Leslie Proctor, parent and family education coordinator, MSSD; and Kim Scott-Olson, parent and family educator, KDES.

The panelists' advice to future

educators included remembering to empathize with parents, carrying out education of parents, working with parents as team members, making parents feel comfortable with the school's expectations, keeping in mind that both parents and teachers feel a sense of anxiety at times during Individualized Education Program (IEP) times, and bearing in mind the clash between deaf and hearing cultures.

Sass-Lehrer referred to recent results of her research that indicate four findings: parents want teachers to truly listen to them; teachers need to respect parents as equals; teachers need to give full information to parents; and teachers need to be fully knowledgeable about the needs of a child.

A new volunteer program was announced in which honor society

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## ASK AUNT SOPHIE

Dear Aunt Sophie,

How come you haven't commented on the new shuttle bus yet? I know you don't think the blue ones do much for Gallaudet's image. I remember you said they looked like prison buses or something. What about the new one? Pretty fancy, don't you agree?

Deep Pockets

Dear DP,

It's a lovely bus, dear. Forgive me for taking so long to acknowledge the fact. However, I must admit I had something quite different in mind when I made my original recommendation. You see, Auntie is partial to very lively colors and had her heart set on fuchsia.

Not that blue and white are in bad taste, mind you, but as bus colors go they are hardly electrifying. They do not say: "LOOK AT ME. AREN'T I THE CAT'S MEOW?"

Now a fuchsia bus will certainly generate reactions from those

who see it on the streets of Washington. Can't you just imagine a well-dressed gentleman returning to his office from a power lunch on the Hill? Upon spotting our dazzling vehicle in front of Union Station, he turns to his companion and says: "Oh, do look at that bus, Fiona. It's from Gallaudet University. Clever idea to paint it fuchsia. Think I'll send over a few thousand shares of IBM stock to let them know I like their spunk and style."

So, while there is widespread agreement that our new shuttle bus is splendid and we are truly grateful for it, we must always bear in mind one very important proverb from the Dead Sea Scrolls: *Never underestimate the power of fuchsia.*

If you have a burning question that you would like to ask Aunt Sophie, e-mail her at [Public.relations@gallaudet.edu](mailto:Public.relations@gallaudet.edu). Be sure you say your question is for Aunt Sophie.



Staff at Gallaudet University's Transportation Department show off their brand new Blue Bird passenger bus.

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# PCNMP HAPPENINGS

## MSSD math game inventors challenge players


By Susan M. Flanigan  
The Star Gallery at MSSD took on the atmosphere of a county fair March 19 as waves of students and visitors came to try their hands at challenging math games that a group of seniors invented. Even Gallaudet President I. King Jordan joined in the fun. He stopped by for a visit and ended up staying an hour trying his luck at the new games.

Some of the games had a familiar look. There were variations on classics such as Scrabble, Twister, Chess, and Stratego. Others were totally novel inventions, but each game incorporated at least four math concepts.

"The project incorporated many skills—art, math, and writing," said math teacher/researcher Frances Brown. "The students

designed, painted, measured, wrote detailed rules, built mountains and ant hills, and set up battle zones."

Will we ever see "Math Tower of Terror," "Arithmetic Checkers," or "Score a Math Touchdown" on store shelves, in classrooms, and homes? If so, a critical step in publishing a new game is to apply for a patent. "We are taking the students on a visit to the U.S. Patent Office to show them how they would go about applying for a patent for their game," said math teacher/researcher Arsena Strange, one of the organizers of the event. "Once the students have the information, it's up to them to decide if they want to pursue a patent."

Good luck, seniors! 

## Phone system


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direct-connected, cannot produce touch-tone during a call, and callers, especially those outside Gallaudet, could experience problems with menus.

Computer-based TTY messaging systems can be controlled from the TTY keyboard. They can convert TTY messages to e-mail and send pages. These permit users to make TTY calls through computers attached to the network. These systems are new

and have not been tested in a large environment like Gallaudet's, so they may initially present some challenges in reliability. The accessible voice mail provides a back-up.

For more information, visit the committee's Website.

*(Editor's note: This information is a summary of a progress report from the Telecommunications Committee that was sent via e-mail to the campus by Dr. Judy Harkins, a committee member, on March 31.)* 

## Henry Florsheim

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school level in 1935. Hitler, who had been in power since 1933, had declared it unlawful for Jewish people to be educated past the elementary grades, so Florsheim found work as a tailor's apprentice.

Florsheim witnessed first hand the fascism that was sweeping across Germany. By 1934, anti-semitism had built to the point where Nazi troops were stationed outside his father's butcher shop and other Jewish owned businesses, forcing customers from engaging in trade with them. He also saw former friends and neighbors join the Nazi SS and immediately become his enemies.

Not knowing that the worst was yet to come, but feeling sufficiently alienated, Florsheim, like many other Jews, decided to leave the country, and he implored his parents to do likewise. He went to the United States Consulate and applied for a visa, but he was turned down. After much persistence, he was able to get permission to leave for

a year. Florsheim gathered his few possessions and sailed for New York City, and soon after, his parents joined him. He never returned.

Florsheim said he remembers well getting the distressing news of Kystalnacht. Back at his former school, for example, Gestapo barged into the dining hall one evening and beat the principal, Dr. Felix Reich, in front of the students and teachers. Reich bought his safety by allowing his son to be taken into military service, where he was soon sacrificed in battle on the front lines. The following year, Reich smuggled 10 students, ages 3 to 10, to England, where he was arrested for being a German national and therefore a potential spy. Reich was interned on the Isle of Wight and could not fulfill his plan of returning to Berlin to save more of the students.

In the United States, Florsheim attended the New York School for the Deaf, where he learned English and American Sign Language. He found work as a laborer in factories producing goods for the allies, and after the

## 'Take Back the Night' emphasizes prevention, awareness

By Katherine DeLorenzo  
"Straight Talk," an annual performance, panel session, and candlelight vigil designed to promote awareness of and empowerment against sexual assault and other forms of victimization of women, was held at Ely Auditorium on March 24.

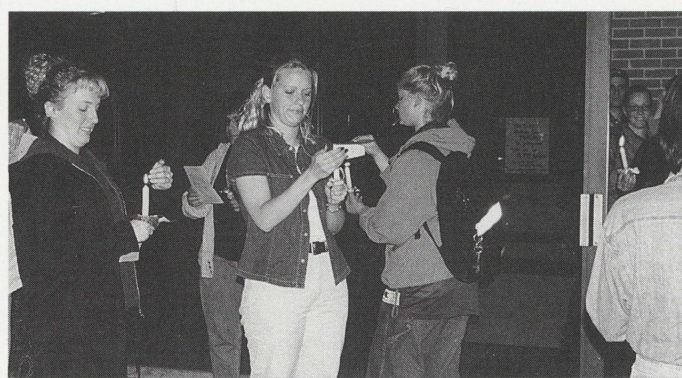
Traditionally held during Women's History Month, the event featured Gallaudet student paraprofessionals in a performance based on true stories of sexual abuse and sexual assault survivors. Resident assistants, peer health advocates, Judicial Board members, and students from Campus Activities and Multicultural Student Programs all participated.

The performance was followed by a question-and-answer session with several Gallaudet and community representatives, including Marcus Caul from the Department of Safety and Security, Mental Health Center Director of Clinical Services Lauri Rush, Health and Wellness Programs Coordinator Jennifer Joseph, and Judicial Affairs board member Tiffany Green. Also present were representatives from the D.C. Rape Crisis Center and the National Organization of Women.

How to help friends who are in risk situations, especially when alcohol and drugs are present, reporting incidents, and seeking counseling were among the many questions posed by students in the audience. Joseph, whose office often refers students in cri-


sis situations to other units, warned students about what she called her personal "soapbox."

"Often, when alcohol is involved, disasters happen," she said, emphasizing that students must take responsibility for themselves and fellow students. Also covered were the differences between legal recourse a student has outside of Gallaudet and the University's own policies. Caul emphasized that students "have a right to contact D.C. police" if they wish, and that DOSS can assist in providing students with information about their options. Caul also said that his department is aware that female students who have been victims




Participants in this year's "Take Back the Night"/"Straight Talk" event concluded the event with a candlelight walk around campus. The candlelight vigil symbolizes the reclamation of empowerment for women, who are frequently victimized or sexually assaulted at night.

of sexual assault often prefer to talk to female officers in the department. Members of the campus community are also encouraged to seek counseling, said Dr. Rush, who said that MHC provides individual, group, and couples counseling. Personal empowerment and the need for resources and information is not limited only to survivors. "I think all of us know someone who has had this experience," she said.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING... AND WHEN

*(Note: for more information about University athletic events, call the Athletics Department at x5603; for MSSD athletic events, call x5361.)*

**April 15**—Informational Presentation: "Teaching and Researching in the Digital Age" featuring Dr. Scott Jones of Cornell University, 1-4 p.m., Merrill Learning Center, Room LW-11

**April 16**—Open House for prospective undergraduate students, all day, for more information, e-mail [teresa.ezzell@gallaudet.edu](mailto:teresa.ezzell@gallaudet.edu)

**April 16-17**—Catholic Marriage Preparation Weekend, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (April 16) and 5-9 p.m. (April 17), Catholic Deaf Center, Landover Hills, Md., for more information, contact Father Jerry Trancone at [gatrancone@gallua.gallaudet.edu](mailto:gatrancone@gallua.gallaudet.edu)

**April 16-18 & 23-24**—Spring Play: *Any Number Can Die*, 8 p.m. (April 16-17 and 23-24) and 2 p.m. (April 18), Elstad Auditorium, \$6 for students/children (includes sign language students), \$8 for all others, full-time Gallaudet students free with

I.D. For more information, call x5502 (TTY) or x5500 (Voice)

**April 22**—1999 Awards Day, 4 p.m., Location: TBA; Cambodian American Heritage Dancers, 12-1 p.m., Ely Auditorium

**April 23**—ASL Interaction Lunch, 12-1 p.m., Merrill Learning Center, Room US-11; Open House for prospective undergraduate students, all day, for more information, e-mail [teresa.ezzell@gallaudet.edu](mailto:teresa.ezzell@gallaudet.edu)

**April 25**—National Deaf Dance Academy's 13th Annual Spring Recital, 2 p.m., Hughes Gym

**April 28**—ASL Poetry Series featuring Flying Words Project, 4:30 p.m., Ely Auditorium

### Community Events:

**April 13-16**—Quest: Arts for Everyone presents Shizumi Shigeto Manale, an internationally-acclaimed dancer and choreographer, with Willy Conley and Mark Jaster, 10 a.m. and noon April 13-14 and 8 p.m. on April 15-16, Publick Playhouse, (301) 277-1710

Check out 'On the Green's' Web version

Many of the articles and photographs that appear in each week's issue of *On the Green* can also be read in *On the Green's* Web version, the online version of Gallaudet's faculty/staff newsletter. *On the Green's* Web version can be accessed through the University's homepage.



## Gallaudet celebrates diversity with Multicultural Festival

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how we felt," said Staley. "I said I felt as if I was closer to everyone [in the circle] because of their energy."


Wuttunee, a member of the Plain Cree tribe, pointed out that the drum was more than just a musical instrument. "It's the sound of a heartbeat," she explained.

By including activities sponsored by faculty, staff, and students, the Diversity Council has taken its activities a step further, said Dr. Janice Mitchell, a professor in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature and one of the festival's coordinators. "We want members of the community to ... take a vested interest in the celebration of multiculturalism and diversity here," said Mitchell.

"Diversity and multicultural issues belong to all of us, not just my office or the Office of Diversity and Community Relations,"

emphasized KP Perkins, director of the Office of Multicultural Student Programs.

A demonstration and discussion of basket weaving from Passamaquoddy tribe member and weaver Gerald Barnes, who creates intricate baskets from the brown ash and sweet grass that is native to Maine, was followed by performances of traditional and innovative forms of Korean dance and music by representatives from the Asian-American Arts Center in Maryland. Led by Center Director Soon He So, the group performed a traditional Korean fan dance, a musical ensemble utilizing a gong, side drum, and large drum, and a hat dance using a 12-meter ribbon, which has been a folk ritual in Korea since the third century.

Participants could also play "Multicultural Jeopardy" and watch a video documentary about Hawaiian culture. 

## Sports Roundup

### By Steve Feit Basketball team honored at rally

A celebration of the women's basketball team's fantastic season drew an enthusiastic throng of fans to the Field House April 6 for a lunchtime celebration.

Remarks were made by SBG President Lisa Rose and University President I. King Jordan, and by Director of Athletics Richard Pelletier, who introduced the players.

Of all the cheering that was bestowed on the team, the most prolonged ovation of the day was reserved for Bison coach Kitty Baldrige, who guided the team to a best-ever 24-6 record. Baldrige and team co-captain Nanette Virnig each addressed the crowd, giving heartfelt thanks to the Gallaudet fans and support staff for a season to remember.

### Richards pitches softball team to victories

Gallaudet sophomore Kari Richards of El Centro, Calif., stood in right field during the second game of a doubleheader, thinking she had finished her pitching duties for the day. In the first game, Richards had hurled an 8-1 victory over Wilson (Pa.). But with Gallaudet trailing 7-2 in the fourth inning of game two, Bison head coach Sarah Doleac summoned her back to the mound. Richards again dominated, and when Gallaudet rallied in the final two innings for an 8-7 win, Richards got her second win of the afternoon.

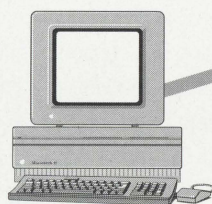
Performances such as these have become typical for the 5'-11" pitcher, whose record is now 8-1. Each of her eight starts have resulted in complete games, and when she is not on the mound, she is always ready in the bullpen. She has won her last

seven consecutive starts, including an eight-inning, 10-strikeout performance against NCAA Division II Bowie State, and another 10 strikeouts in a win over Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) rival Catholic. She recently won CAC Player of the Week honors for the first time.

"Kari has been a terrific addition to the team," said Doleac. "She is an intense competitor on the field, and she's very easygoing off the field. She responds well to coaching, and I enjoy handing her the ball."

Doleac also makes sure Richards gets her at-bats, too. In addition to leading the CAC in earned run average (1.07) and strikeouts (68), Richards is batting .386. She leads the team with 22 hits, and is among the CAC leaders in doubles and home runs.

As of April 5, Gallaudet's standing was 10-8, including a 2-0 record in CAC play.



## TECH TIPS

By Greg Ritter

### Save mileage on your mouse



My mouse is acting up so, I took it into the garage last week. My mechanic, Billy Bob Gates, took one look at my beat-up old mouse, and said, "Son, you're putting way too many miles on this mouse. An old mouse like this isn't going to last much longer if you keep driving it non-stop all day long."

"But Billy Bob," I said, "I have to keep that mouse rolling! My job depends on it! And I certainly can't afford another loan to buy a new mouse—I'm still paying off this one!"

Billy Bob put on his thinking face for a minute. Finally, he said, "Son, let me give you some pointers that will help you cut down on mouse mileage." And he told me about the power of right-clicking.

Every mouse has two buttons. For most functions, you use the left mouse button, but there's a lot of power hidden under the hood of that right mouse button. Clicking the right mouse button opens a contextual menu. A contextual menu has different menu options depending on the context. For example, right-clicking on a Web graphic will bring up a different menu than right-clicking on a paragraph in Microsoft Word. Here are some of Billy Bob's favorite right-click shortcuts:

#### In Microsoft Word:

Right-click on any selected text to get a menu with the Cut, Copy, and Paste items. No more rolling that mouse up to the top of the screen! You also get shortcuts Font, Paragraph, and List formatting. Bonus hint: if you really want to save wear and tear on the

mouse, you can get contextual menus in Word (and many other programs) by typing Shift+F10. It does the same thing as a right click, and the Esc key makes the contextual menu go away. Your fingers never even have to leave the keyboard.

#### In Web Browsers (Netscape Communicator or Microsoft Internet Explorer):

If you're a heavy duty Web surfer, you can really put the miles on your mouse by rolling up to the top of the screen to hit the Back and Forward buttons. But, if you right-click anywhere on a Web page, you can choose "Back" and "Forward" from the contextual menu.

Find a page that you want to share with a friend? Right-click anywhere on the page and choose "Send Page" from the contextual menu. This opens a new e-mail message, puts the URL in the body of the message, and attaches a copy of the Web page. (Netscape only.)

#### In Windows 95/98/NT:


Right-clicking really simplifies file management. Right click on any file folder to get a menu that allows you to do things like copy the file or folder, rename it, delete it, or create a shortcut. Or, right-click on the file, choose "Send To" then "3-1/2 Floppy" and your file is whisked away to your floppy disk. (Make sure the floppy disk is in the computer first!)

If you left-click on a file and drag it to a new folder, Windows creates a shortcut instead of moving the file. However, right-click

on that file, drag it to a new folder, and Windows gives you the option of moving it, making a copy of it in the new location, or making a shortcut.

Another nifty trick—all of those file management functions work on the desktop, in Windows Explorer, or in dialog boxes. For example, open Microsoft Word, choose "File" from the menu bar and select "Open." The dialog box will show you a list of files in the working directory—right-click on any of those files and you'll get the same contextual menu that you would get on the desktop or in Explorer.

My all-time favorite right-click will minimize every window at once. Right-click on an empty part of the task bar at the bottom of your screen. Choose "Minimize All Windows" from the contextual menu. Pow! All the menus are minimized to the task bar and you have a clean desktop.

There are many other shortcuts available through right-clicking. The best way to learn them is to experiment—right-click on everything! Finally, if you're really worried about your mouse mileage, it's a good idea keep an eye on it. Mouse-o-meter is a free application that will tell you how many miles you're putting on your mouse. You can download it at: <http://www2.vo.lu/homepages/lato> For example, I've put 201.6 feet on my mouse just writing this column. That's almost 1/20th of a mile! Man, no wonder my arm is tired! 

## Appalachian Trail

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and work began immediately.

Every weekend, a wooded site south of Bowie, Md., on loan from the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission, comes alive with toiling students, who are joined in their efforts by volunteers from the Gallaudet community, the PATC, the Sierra Club, and a growing list of others.

Even though the Appalachian Trail is nowhere close to Bowie, the shelter is being built there to make it convenient for students on Kendall Green to get to the work site. When the shelter is finished it will be moved to its permanent home on the trail, located about 20 miles west of Frederick, Md., off of Interstate 70.

From the beginning, the outpouring of generosity for the project, not only in labor but in donations of money and building material, has been incredible, said Turk. David and Cynthia Cowall of Salisbury, Md., donated \$10,000 for the shelter in memory of their late son, Phillip, a lover of the Appalachian Trail. Wallace Johnson, a Southern Maryland logger and the son of deaf parents, donated a truck load of loblolly pines to build the shelter. Turk and the PATC have supplied most of the tools, and others, such as a scribe for marking logs for a precision cut, and a 'log dog' to secure the logs once they are set in place, were made by Steve Doleac, co-curricular activities assistant, who moonlights as a blacksmith.

Turk and other adults operate a chainsaw—the only power tool used in building the shelter—but the students take on all other aspects of the project—under the

watchful eye of Turk, the designated foreman of the job. Twenty years ago, Turk built about 10 shelters in Minnesota for the Department of Natural Resources, and last summer, he led the construction of a shelter near Stayton, Ore., a project of the National Association of the Deaf's Youth Leadership Camp. But this shelter, said Turk, "is the biggest I've ever built."

The project has been immensely popular. Not only are the students learning new skills, but the outings have become a popular social scene as well. Many of the students camp overnight at the spot and find time to walk to the nearby Patuxent River to fish. It has also provided interaction between nature lovers whose only difference is the way they communicate. "At first, the hearing people didn't know what to expect, but now there's a real familiarity between the two groups," said Turk. "I don't find myself interpreting a lot. If anything, communication is improved because we have to understand each other and agree before we do something, like pick up one of these logs," which Turk said takes at least eight people to move, "with effort."

When the shelter is finished—probably in June—workers will spend their weekends at the trail site, building a foundation to rest the shelter on, an out-house, and a picnic table. Then, the mammoth job of moving the shelter to its permanent home will begin. Turk said that Larry Ott, Gallaudet's director of Physical Plant Administration, has located a trucking company that has agreed to undertake the task. 